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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD  
JULY 8-14, 1974

1. ATTACHED IS CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD  
JULY 8-14, 1974, AS APPROVED BY AHG ON JULY 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF  
C-M(73)83(FINAL), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED,  
FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD  
HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN (UNITED STATES)  
ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK  
ENDING JULY 14, 1974.

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3. THE GROUP ASSESSED THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 10 INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES: EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES WERE APPARENTLY SURPRISED BY THE INTRODUCTION ON THAT OCCASION OF THE "ALL PARTICIPANTS" FORMULA (BASED ON GUIDANCE IN SECTION IV OF C-M(74)30(REVISED)); AFTER ITS INTRODUCTION, THEY HELD A LONG CAUCUS, AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT REACTION APPEARED TO BE A HOLDING OPERATION PENDING A MORE DETAILED ASSESSMENT. THE GROUP AGREED THAT A DEFINITIVE EASTERN RESPONSE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL SEPTEMBER. IN THE JULY 10 SESSION, EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES REACTED NEGATIVELY TO AN ALLIED ATTEMPT TO SUMMARIZE THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES, CLAIMING THAT THIS CUMULATIVE SUMMARY GAVE TOO MUCH STATUS TO INFORMAL IDEAS. FOR THEIR OWN PART, EASTERN REPS HAD NO NEW POINTS TO MAKE, WHICH CONFIRMED EARLIER BILATERAL INDICATIONS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EASTERN MOVES PRIOR TO THE RECESS.

4. THE GROUP DECIDED THAT THE FINAL ALLIED PLENARY STATEMENT BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON WHAT THE EAST SHOULD THINK ABOUT DURING THE RECESS, AND AGREED THAT THE US REP SHOULD DELIVER IT. AN OUTLINE OF THIS STATEMENT WAS APPROVED.

5. IN THE JULY 12 PLENARY SESSION, THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE GDR REPRESENTATIVE. IN ANALYZING THIS STATEMENT, THE AHG AGREED THAT IT WAS LARGELY A REPETITION, IN STRONG BUT NOT ABRASIVE LANGUAGE, OF FAMILIAR EASTERN POSITIONS.

6. AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH EASTERN REPS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE FINAL PLENARY BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS WOULD TAKE PLACE JULY 17. IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED THAT "WORKING CONTACTS WILL RESUME IN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16," WITH THE FIRST PLENARY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 24. END TEXT.RESOR

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